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SERIES BETWEEN JAPS AND SAINTS IS ALL ARRANGED

Seven Games Will Be Played, Starting Week
From Sunday—Fans Are One
and All Enthusiastic.

Here is something to make all the fans buck up. It is practically settled that the big series between the Saints and the Japs will come off at the Athletic Park. The series will be one of seven games and it will start one week from Sunday, December 12. There will be just one game each afternoon and it will start promptly at three o'clock.

There has been some pilikia over arranging the series, but everything is settled now and all that remains is the signing of the agreements. This will be done today at noon.

Without exception this will be the greatest baseball series ever seen on these Islands. For years there has been an undercurrent of argument as to what the junior leagues could do with the big league. The only ones who argued for the affirmative side of the question, were a few over-enthusiastic officers of the Riverside or Atkinson leagues.

The other people always poked their noses in the air and made a noise like "Pshaw" or "Umph" and, no matter how hard they tried to arrange a meeting between teams from the two leagues, nothing ever came of it.

Situation Has Changed.
But the baseball situation has changed during the last year. The big league went to the bad owing to inattention, dryrot, lack of interest, players not turning up on time, "Oh, bother the public" and a few other things that tend to kill a league.

Meanwhile a bunch of live ones got together and started the Athletic Park. This new institution filled a long-felt want. It provided a place where all the Japanese, Chinese and Hawaiian fans could go and watch a good game and have a comfortable bleacher to sit on and also provided a good grandstand for the upper ten.

Four Good Teams.
Four excellent teams were formed and they proceeded to put up a fine line of baseball. The first series of the Oahu Baseball League was one of the greatest exhibitions of the game ever seen here. The class of ball may not have been quite up to big league standard, but it was good and all the games were very close.

The Roers, otherwise known as the Kalihiki team, forged ahead from the start. But they got stopped before the finish. The Japanese Athletic Club, formed several years ago for Japanese players only and later made a cosmopolitan team, suddenly began to get to the front. At the beginning of the season they were way behind, but enter one Jack Notley.

What Notley Did.
Jack Notley was the manager of the J. A. C. team. He began to do some hanahana and soon had a real baseball team playing. Before the fans knew what had happened they had slipped it to the whole bunch and carried off the championship of the first series, after a most exciting game.

While this was going on the big league had an abortive attempt at starting a new series. The St. Louis team wiped the earth with the rest of the bunch and clearly proved that they had the champion team of the Islands.

Since the sad ending of that series the Japs have been doing great stunts down at the Athletic Park. They have won some nine games straight and have a double battery that is a pippin.

Japs Won Too Soon.
The Japs won the second series of the Oahu league long before the schedule was run. This got the fans to thinking and again arose the roar for a series of games between the big league and the juniors. This noise grew to be so very loud that the matter was taken up.

Jack Notley was approached. He said that he was a trifle nervous over the proposition. "This is our first real season," said he, "and I do not want to go into a series and make a fizzle of it." But he was finally persuaded and now it is all arranged that the J. A. C. and St. Louis College team will play a series of seven games at the Athletic Park, starting at three o'clock on Sunday, December 12.

No More Scoffing.
The scoffers are no longer scoffing. They are taking the matter seriously and beginning to think that the Japs have a chance. They really have a chance to beat the Saints. But they will have to train faithfully and work hard. Here is the aggregation they are up against:

Louie Soares, c; Johnnie Williams, p; George Burns, 1b; Jimmie Williams (captain), 2b; H. Bushnell, 3b; Manuel Freitas, ss; Harry Burns, lf; En Sue, cf; Markham or Henry Chillingworth, rf.

SPORT NOTES.

M. J. Rodriguez, who can be found at the Club Stables at any old time, comes out with the following challenge: "Lizzie Moore will race Lady Bernice at any time, at any weight, over any distance. Quarter-mile, three-eighths, half-mile, five-eighths or three-quarters of a mile at Kapiolani Park. Date preferred, New Year's day. Purse to be \$500 or \$1000. If the owner of Lady Bernice wants to make a noise like a live one, he can post one hundred dollars as a guarantee with Jack Scully."

All those who hold stock in the Healan Yacht and Boat Club can hear something to their advantage by writing to P. O. box 335.

The owner of Lizzie Moore would also be pleased to make a date with Gladys E. for one mile on New Year's day.

The Kulakana avenue walking race is a purely amateur event. It is one of the few local races in which there is no betting, no prize money and nothing to gain but a reputation.

SOCCER TO HAVE A GREAT BOOM

Executive Committee Meets to
Approve Long List of
Players.

Soccer is apparently on the boom. There was a most enthusiastic meeting of the executive committee of the soccer league at the Thistle clubrooms last night. All the members of the committee were there, as well as all the captains of the four teams.

Lists of signed-up players were presented and the list is a jolly good one. Each of the four teams has a brilliant bunch of ballkickers on their string and it looks as though the series of this season would be very much closer than that of last year.

Soccer, while not having the intense interest which attaches to an intercollegiate game, is essentially a scientific game and a sportsman's game. The playing is all open and clever plays can be seen and recognized immediately by anybody who has ever seen the game before.

It is hoped that the public will give the game its support. Not much is wanted in the way of gate receipts, only sufficient to pay the expenses of getting the grounds in shape, providing car fare for the players, putting out uniforms to play in and a few other essentials. As far as the players are concerned, they are quite willing to dig in their own jeans for this money, but they put up such a really pretty exhibition, that the fans should get the soccer habit for about a month and go out and do some good rooting.

Bedford Game a Boost.

The game was given a great boost here by the splendid game that a local picked team put up against the crew of the British cruiser Bedford. The game was a pippin and was attended by several hundred people. If those same people would come out and watch the league series, they would have plenty of fun.

People here seem to have the idea that soccer is a game that does not require rooting. Far from that, a soccer player can be more encouraged by rooting and hearing his name called than, perhaps any other game. In intercollegiate football, all a player hears is a confused roar. In soccer he has a chance to hear his name and becomes correspondingly bucked up.

Rooting is Wanted.

There is nothing infra dig. about rooting at a soccer game. In England where the game has its very best exposition, the sidelines are always crowded by gallery gods who pick out their favorites and acclaim their names to heaven, often with the most subtle sense of humor. A little more noise at the games will do no harm. There are dozens of bleacher humorists who could air their art to great advantage at these games. They are wanted out there to make excitement.

There was some excellent work done in this way at the last game between the local team and the Bedford. Johnny Anderson had a duel with a sailor on the bleachers. Both men were very funny and amused the spectators. The players liked to hear a noise and appreciated the efforts of the rooters.

All the soccerites are practising hard. They will be in first-class shape for the opening games on Saturday, December 11. An open game, a scientific game and a sportsman's game, soccer, as it is played is more than worth going to see.

The Olympic Club team took the interclub Rugby football championship by defeating the Barbarians on November 20. The score was six to three—two tries to one try.

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